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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, SEATTLE DISTRICT

DATE: September 9, 1963

FROM : Inspector, Edward R. Floyd

SUBJECT: E-Meters

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Background

[redacted]

Administration:

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Organization Operation

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[redacted] stated that the Church claims to believe in God but actually preaches that each individual is God in himself. They are also against Society and Laws and believe that each individual should have complete freedom of self-expression, self-regulation and self-government.

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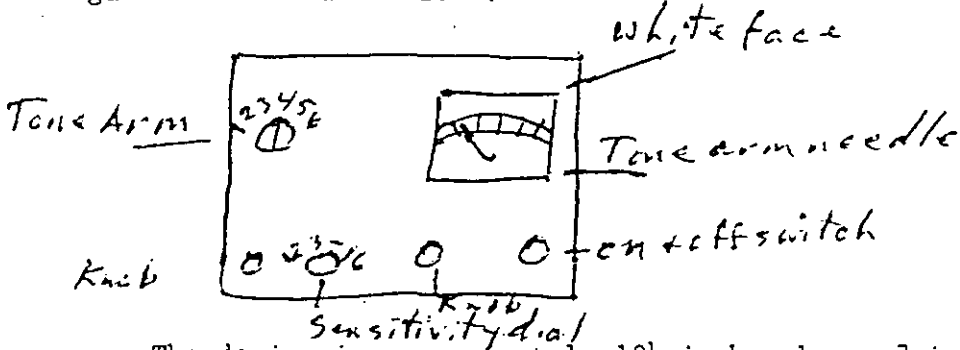

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As far as [redacted] knows, no drugs are used by the organization.

The use of the device is not restricted to any one person or persons and everyone will use the device at one time or another. The device is used during the meeting when "audits" are given. Each audit costs between $3 and $4.00, and consists of the following: Working in pairs, one individual known as an "auditor" will adjust the device, as per Dr. Fisk's instructions, and will ask the other who sits holding an electrode in each hand a group of questions which has been prepared for him by "Dr." Fisk. These questions may and do pertain to anything which may have happened to the patient. The "auditor" observes the tone arm needle. If the needle rises and falls evenly the device is said to have "cleared" itself. If any sudden movement, up or down, of the needle is observed there is a question as to whether the device has "cleared" itself or not -- and if the patient is telling the truth. [Mr. Johnson] claimed that he is able to "clear" the device even when he gives an erroneous answer.)

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Mr. Russell E. Johnson is 36 years old, has been married to Norma for 10 years, and they have 4 children -- ages 6 months to 6½ years. He is a carpenter by trade.

According to Mr. Johnson, his wife (33) was a prostitute prior to their marriage. He went on to say that because of the children he has attempted to save the marriage up until now but is currently preparing to start divorce proceedings.

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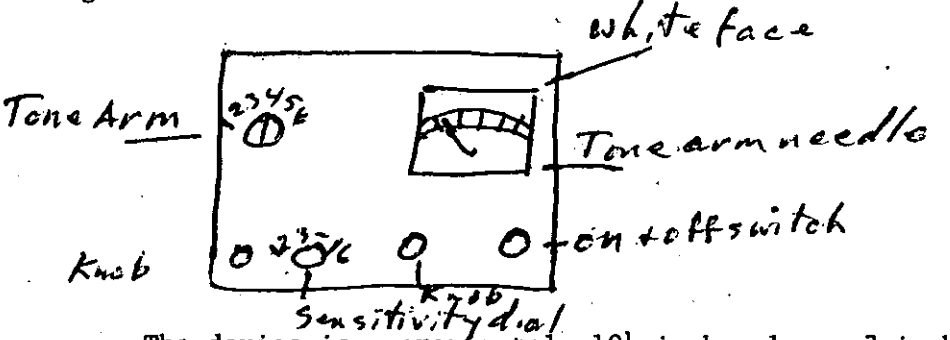

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